

RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION AND STATUS OF THE CLAIMS

In response to the restriction requirement imposed by the examiner Applicants elect, without traverse, to prosecute the group III claim (claim 10). Therefore claims 1-9 and 11-38 have been canceled. In addition claim 10 has been amended for clarity purposes and new claims 39 - 48 have been added. Thus, claims 10, and 39 -48 are presently active in the application.

Support for new claims 39 -48 can be found in the specification, at least in the passages indicated below.

Claims 39, 45, 46 and 47, see page 8 line 21 through page 9 line 2.

Claim 40 - 42, see for example, page 8 line 15 - 19.

Claim 43, see page 29, lines 3 - 6 of the specification.

Claim 44, see Example 4, i.e. the TAP-38 antibodies can be used for Western blot detection TAP.

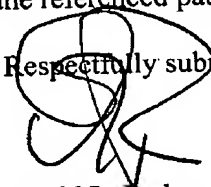
Claim 48, see Figure 5, and the Figure 14 legend.

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicants petition for an extension of time of one month to and including February 28, 2006 in which to respond to the Restriction Requirement dated December 29, 2006. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct the required fees pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 from Fulbright & Jaworski Deposit Account No. 50-1212/CLFR:226US.

This is submitted to be a complete response to the referenced Requirement for Restriction. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (512) 536-3055 with any questions, comments or suggestions relating to the referenced patent application.

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